IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 2, delete the paragraph beginning on line 7 and replace with the following:

Web servers are extensible via a number of APIs. The Common Gateway Interface (CGI) is a standard interface for executing programs external to the web server. The Java language is a programming language and environment defined by Sun Microsystems. Java Servlets are a widely available interface for executing Java programs within the web server. Java Server Pages (JSP) is a web page interface for specifying Java commands that are to be executed in the web server. The Visual Basic Script (VBScript) language is a programming language defined by Microsoft. The Active Server Pages (ASP) interface is a web page interface specified by Microsoft for specifying VBScript commands that are to be executed in the web server.

At page 8, delete the paragraph beginning on line 16 and replace with the following:

These goals led also to the development of the code generation and run-time environment of the present invention. The ERP Web Gateway introduces a an interface object, the ERP Connector 17, to map the procedural ERP Application native API. It also incorporates a mechanism that allows input data from an HTML-format input form to be inserted as paramets fro for the ERP Application. Another mechanism is incorporated to allow the ERP Application results to be merged into HTML report forms. The runtime engine of the ERP Web Gateway 16 reads the XML template files to generate the appropriate Java objects with their attributes and report forms. The use of XML instead of a new or hybrid language, allows the full expressive power without artificial limitations. Both object definitions and report forms can be laid out in any fashion as long as the specifications are conformed to the XML syntax.

At page 11, delete the paragraph beginning on line 3 and replace with the following:

(VIII) Data is passed in through the ERP Connector to the ERP application. The ERP application loads a panel using the data. (IX) The ERP application uses the panel to process data (a) to check data validity/relationship etc., and (b) to instruct the database manager to retrieve data ~~base~~ based on data from the object request sent from the web browser to the web server. (XI) The database manager returns strongly types data to the panel in an ERP application. The same data is returned back to the web agent through (a) (XII) the ERP native API (weakly types in the form of a string); and (b) (XIII) the ERP Connector API. The same data is returned to the web server (XIV) and then on to the web browser (XV).

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